WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (withdrawn - currently amended) The method according to claim 29 [[28]], wherein the jointing stone is comprised of at least two jointing stone members arranged in the stroke direction at a relative spacing to one another, respectively, and wherein the stroke length is greater than the relative spacing.

7.-27. (canceled)

28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A method ~~according to claim 28,~~ of jointing a cutting edge of at least two cutting blades of a rotating tool, the method comprising the steps of:

rotating the tool;

performing a radial advancing movement between the rotating tool and at least one straight jointing stone so that the at least one jointing stone engages all cutting edges of the at least two cutting blades;

performing an oscillating movement of the at least one jointing stone in a longitudinal direction of the cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool by carrying out several relative strokes between the at least one jointing stone and the cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool, wherein the stroke length is multiple times shorter than a length of the cutting edges of the at least two cutting blades;

wherein the at least one jointing stone always engages an entire length of the cutting edge.

30. (currently amended) The method according to claim 29 [[28]], wherein the step of performing an oscillating movement is carried out without radially advancing the at least one jointing stone.

31. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A method ~~according to claim 28,~~ of jointing

a cutting edge of at least two cutting blades of a rotating tool, the method comprising the steps of:

rotating the tool;

performing a radial advancing movement between the rotating tool and at least one straight jointing stone so that the at least one jointing stone engages all cutting edges of the at least two cutting blades;

performing an oscillating movement of the at least one jointing stone in a longitudinal direction of the cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool by carrying out several relative strokes between the at least one jointing stone and the cutting edges of the cutting blades of the rotating tool, wherein the stroke length is multiple times shorter than a length of the cutting edges of the at least two cutting blades;

wherein the at least one jointing stone is longer than the cutting edge plus the length of the relative stroke.

32. (canceled)

33. (canceled)

34. (canceled)

35. (new) The method according to claim 31, wherein the step of performing an oscillating movement is carried out without radially advancing the at least one jointing stone.

36. (new) The method according to claim 31, wherein the jointing stone is comprised of at least two jointing stone members arranged in the stroke direction at a relative spacing to one another, respectively, and wherein the stroke length is greater than the relative spacing.